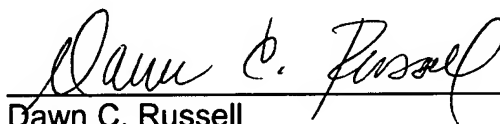


REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application, with claims 5-10 and 17-22 having been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. By this Amendment, claims 1-3 and 15 have been amended. No new matter is contained in the amendments.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this response. However, if additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Docket Number 108421.00096.**

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